

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 90-33-G - ORDER NO. 90-470
APRIL 25, 1990

IN RE: Proposed Amendments to Regulations) ORDER APPROVING
Pertaining to Gas Utilities) REGULATIONS

On March 8, 1990, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) held a public hearing on the adoption and promulgation of an amendment proposed by the Commission Staff to the Commission's Regulations applicable to gas utilities. This hearing was held pursuant to S.C. Code Ann., §1-23-110 (Cum. Supp. 1989) and §58-5-210 (1976).

Prior to the hearing, the Notice of Hearing was published in the State Register. The Notice of Hearing indicated the nature of the amendment and invited written comments from interested parties prior to the hearing date at which time the Commission would hear testimony relevant to the issues herein. Comments were filed by the Consumer Advocate of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate). Testifying at the hearing on behalf of the Commission Staff was James S. Stites.

The Commission Staff proposed to amend Regulation 103-490. Regulation 103-490 presently indicates that the Commission has adopted the Federal Minimum Safety Standards for the Transportation of Natural and Other Gas, 49 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.),

Parts 191, 192, and 193 as may be amended from time to time, except where otherwise authorized by the Commission. The South Carolina Gas Safety Act of 1970 authorizes the Commission to adopt and enforce the minimum Federal Safety Standards as may be amended from time to time and does not reference the various Parts of the C.F.R. In addition to Parts 191, 192, and 193, the federal Office of Pipeline Safety has found it necessary to add other Parts to the C.F.R. throughout past years and there probably will other Parts added in the future. To eliminate the need to change the Commission's Regulations each time there is a Part added to the C.F.R., the Gas Department proposed that the C.F.R. Part numbers be eliminated.

The Commission finds that the proposed amended regulation should be approved. Pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann., §1-23-120 (Cum. Supp. 1989) the regulation promulgated herein will be submitted to the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for final review and approval. The amended regulation is attached as Appendix A.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

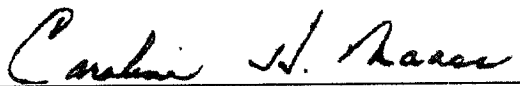
1. That the regulation set forth in Appendix A, be, and hereby is, approved by the Commission and will not become effective until ruled upon by the General Assembly.

2. That the regulation approved by the Commission shall be submitted to the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for final review and approval. After the General Assembly has ruled on the regulation the Commission will give notice to all

parties.

3. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)

APPENDIX A

103-490 GENERAL

A. Under the Authority of S.C. Code Ann.

Section 58-5-970 (1976), the Commission hereby adopts the Federal Minimum Safety Standards for the Transportation of Natural and Other Gas, as published in Vol. 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as may be amended from time to time, except where otherwise authorized by the Commission.